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Title: Need to take necessary restructuring and modification of N.H. 60 between Kharagpur and Sonakania to avoid recurring floods in the region.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): The National Highway No. 60, a part of Golden Quadrilateral, from Kharagpur to Sonakania under the District Paschim Medinipur of West Bengal gets affected due to floods every year during monsoon season. In last rainy season, due to insufficient provisions for water outlets, heavy water logging caused unprecedented flood situation in the area. Thousands of people were seriously affected. Thousands of houses collapsed causing large-scale casualties of human beings and cattle. The Ministry might be aware of the fact that even a portion of the Highway itself got damaged by heavy overflowing of flood water in river Keleghai in Narayangarh Block. There is a real basis of apprehension that if the necessary modification and appropriate restructuring is not made, more serious devastation may occur in the coming years. Keeping the above facts in view, it is expected that the National Highway Authority would take up urgent measures in consultation with the District administration, local Panchayats and thee people's representatives. I urge upon the Union Government to intervene at the earliest so that necessary construction work for modification besides adequate provision for water outlets could be completed before next monsoon.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri M. Shivanna – not present.

Shrimati Tejasvini Gowda, I called you earlier. Please try to understand my difficulty. You have to be present when your name is called.

SHRIMATI TEJASVINI GOWDA (KANAKAPURA): I had been to the canteen to take lunch where there was no seat available. But as soon as I came to know about this, I rushed to the House.